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O R 170750Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4273
INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN
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AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, BU
SUBJECT: BALKAN AIR CRASH

1. BALKAN BULGARIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT LZ 107 FROM SOFIA TO
WARSAW OF MARCH 16 CRASHED ABOUT 1400 LOCAL TIME (1200Z)
NEAR VRATSA, NORTHEAST OF SOFIA, APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES
AFTER TAKEOFF. PLANE WAS A TUPOLEV 134.

2. ALL 66 PASSENGERS AND ALL 7 CREW MEMBERS WERE KILLED.
PASSENGERS REPORTEDLY INCLUDED POLISH DEPUTY MINISTER OF
CULTURE JANOS DOHULVY (PHON) AND TWO MEMBERS OF POLISH
FILM BOARD AS WELL AS 20 BULGARIAN CHILDREN. ONLY OTHER
PASSENGER NATIONALITY MENTIONED WAS CZECH.

3. NO REASON FOR CRASH HAS YET BEEN PUT FORWARD. BUL-
GARIAN PRESS MARCH 17 ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO REASONS FOR CRASH.

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4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CRASH
AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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